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Under 37 CFR §§1.8(b) and 1.181, applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 23, 2002 (copy never received). The application was abandoned because the Patent and Trademark Office records indicate that the corrected drawings were not submitted at the time the Issue Fee was paid.

The undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, received a letter from the client inquiry about the status of the Letters Patent. Upon reviewing the file, it was noted that a Status Inquiry and Change of Firms Name and Address were filed on June 2, 2004 and a second Status Inquiry and Change of Firms Name and Address was filed on December 9, 2004. Applicant's attorney of record contacted the U.S. Patent Office's Inventor's Assistance Center and was advised that a Notice of Abandonment was issued, but it appeared to be due to an error and all papers are shown as timely submitted. Applicant did not receive a Notice of Abandonment or a Notice requiring correction of drawings following the payment of the Issue Fee on June 18, 2002 and that 4 sheets of corrected Formal Drawings were submitted at the time the Issue Fee was paid.

The following documents are submitted under 37 CFR §1.8(b)(2) as proof that payment of the issue fee was timely filed on June 18, 2002 along with 4 sheets of corrected drawings as required in the Notice of Allowance/Allowability mailed March 18, 2002:

1. Copy of Payment of Issue Fee and Transmittal Letter (1 page)
2. A copy of the PART-B FEE(s) Transmittal (1 page)

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3. Copy of Letter to Draftsperson (1 page)
4. Copy of formal drawings; Figs. 8, 9, 10, 15-17 (4 sheets)
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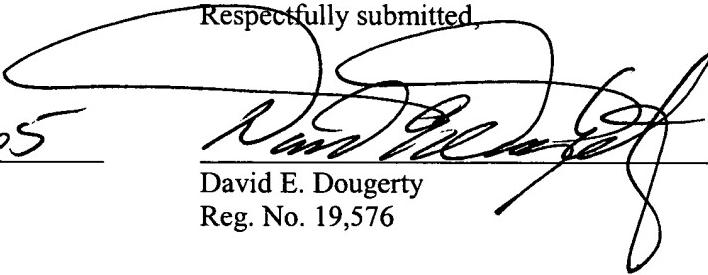
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For: RESIN CULTIVATION BASE, WATER PURIFYING DEVICE...

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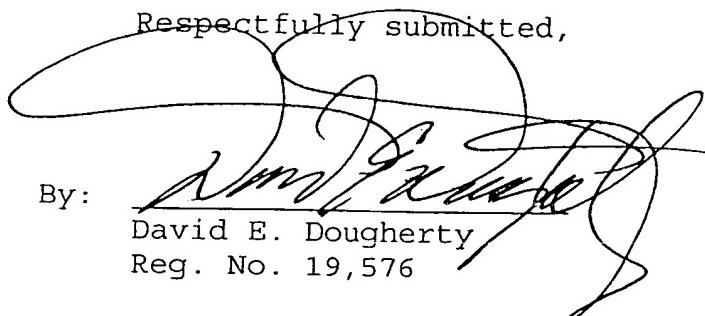
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/689,831	10/13/2000	Sadao Nishibori	3170/2	6502

TITLE OF INVENTION: RESIN CULTIVATING BASE, WATER PURIFYING DEVICE AND METHOD USING RESIN CULTIVATING BASE

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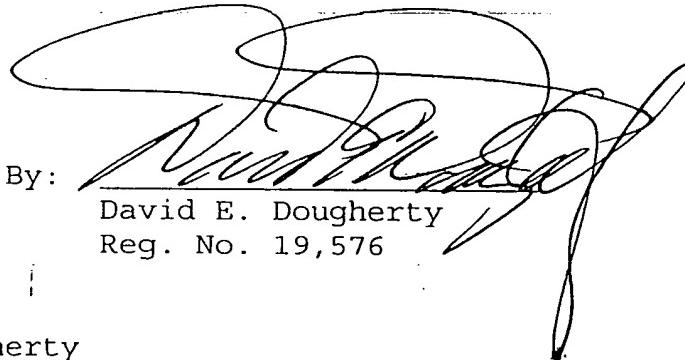
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Enclosed herewith are Four (4) sheets of formal drawings for the above-identified application to replace those figures that are presently in the case.

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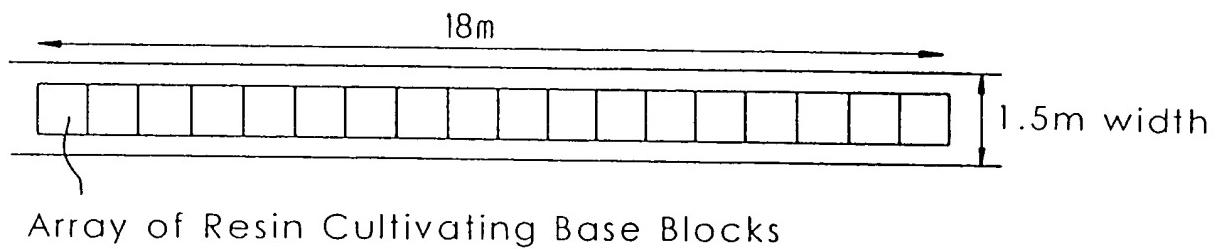

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FIG. 8



Array of Resin Cultivating Base Blocks

FIG. 9

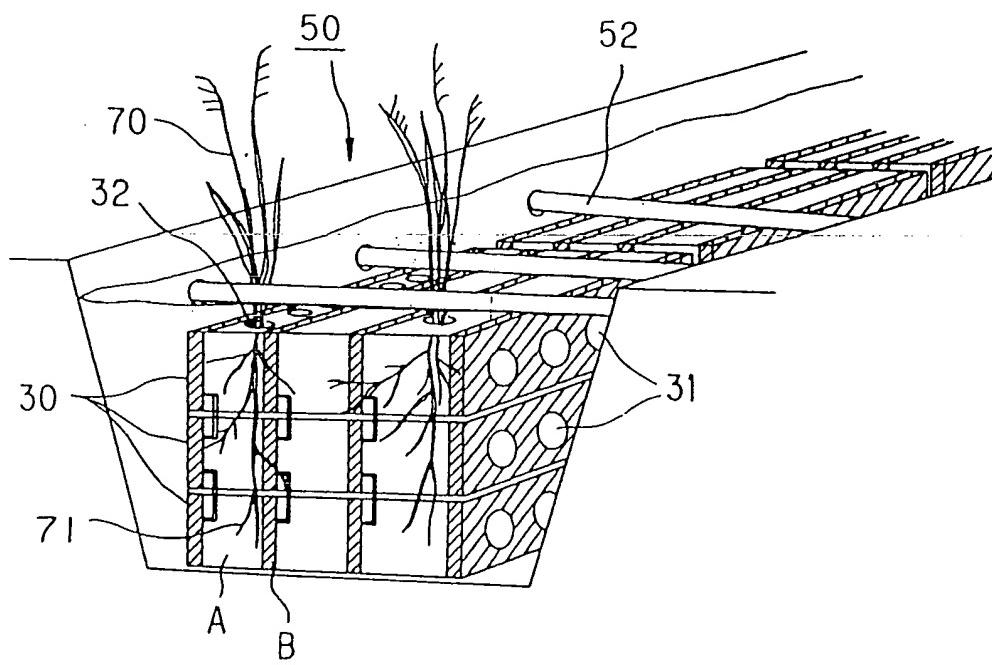


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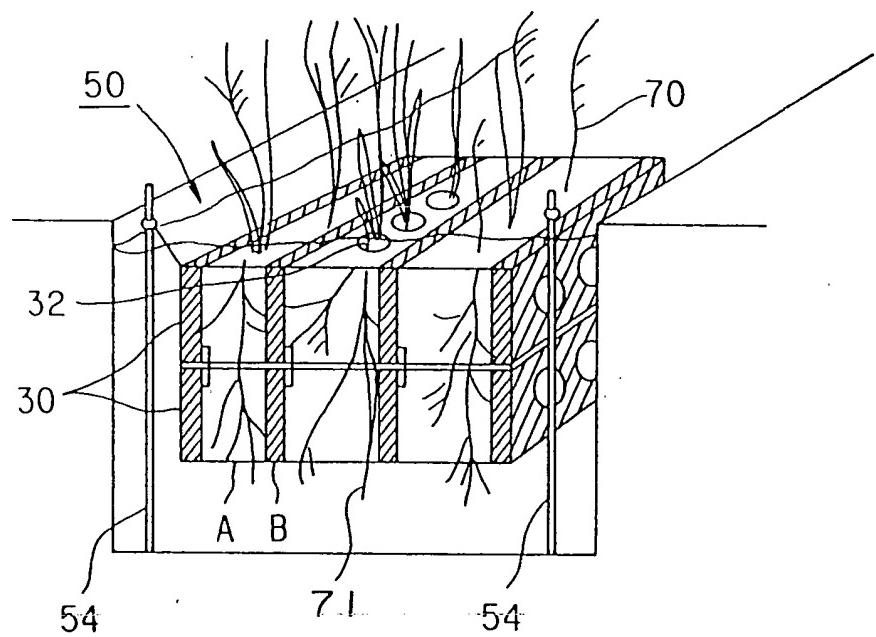


FIG. 15
PRIOR ART

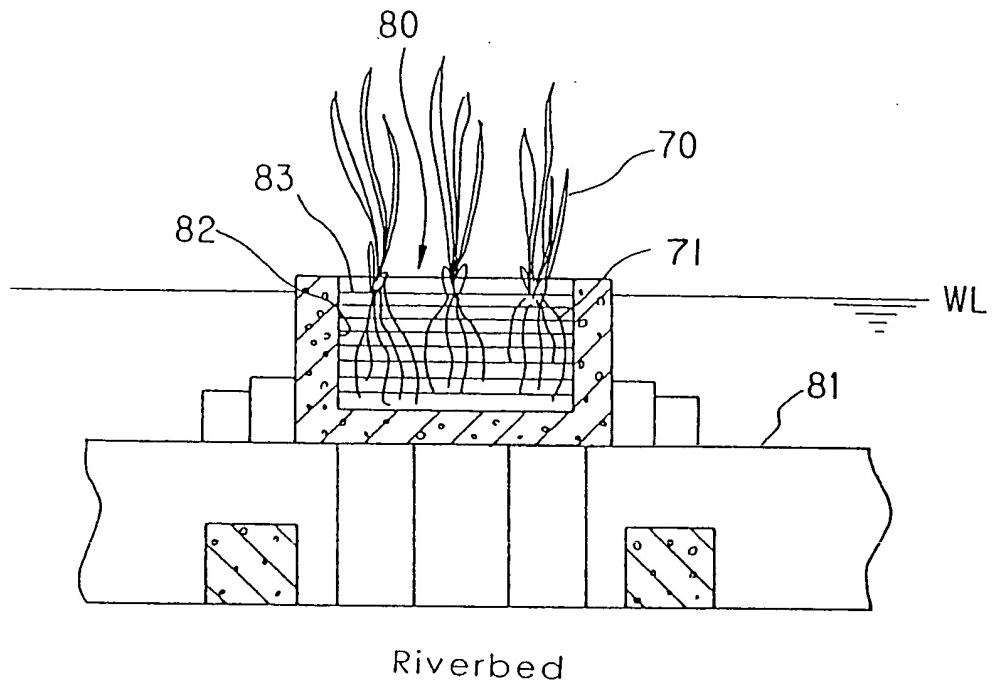


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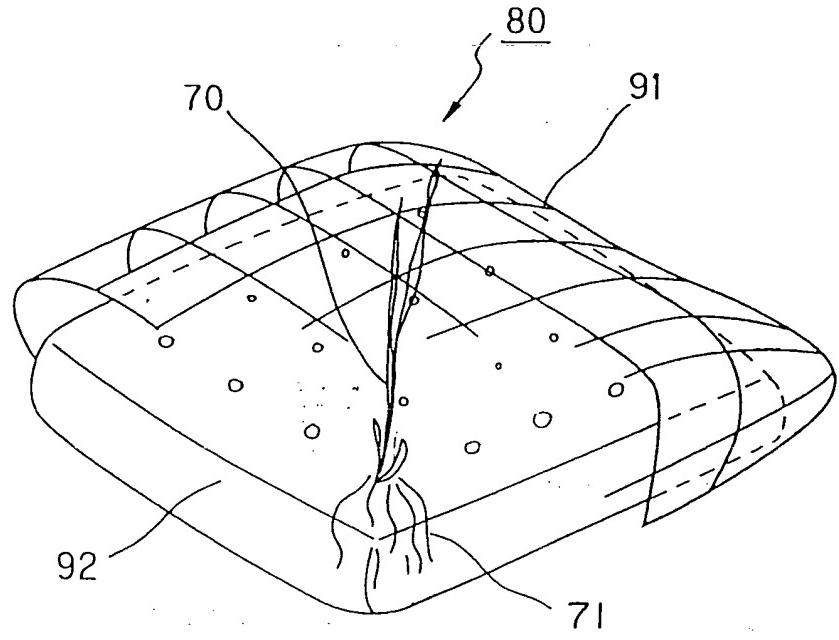
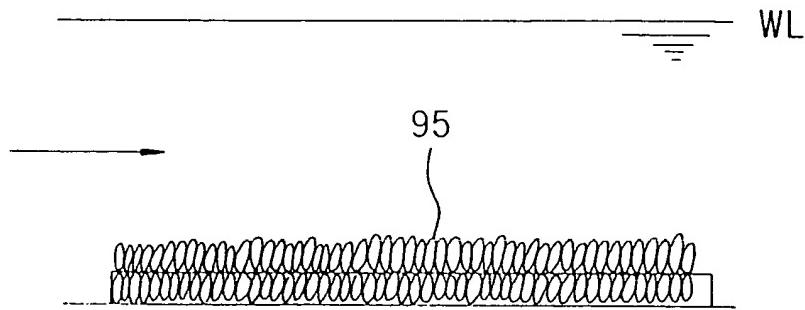
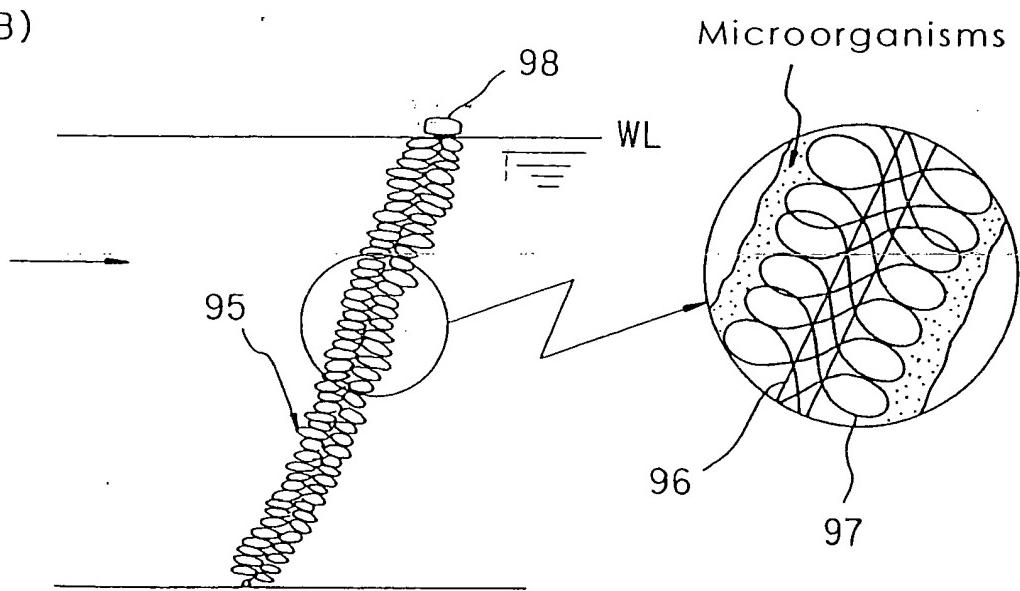


FIG. 17
PRIOR ART

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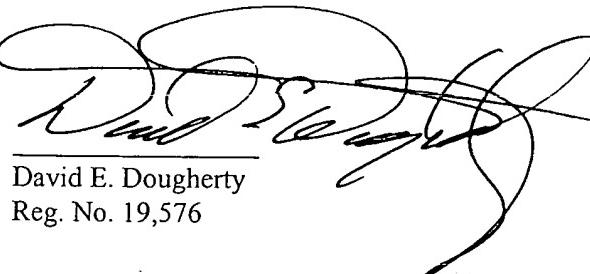
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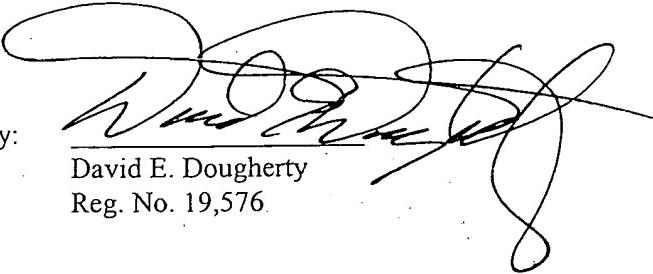
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